

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 14-24 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 25-35. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A jigging device for maintaining a first element in spatial relationship to a second element, the device including a first fastening means for connection to the first element and a second fastening means for connection to the second element, at least one of the first and second fastening means including adjustment means for adjusting the spatial relationship between the first and second elements, characterized in that the first fastening means has a portion adapted for receipt in a portion of the second fastening means, the device also including locking means adapted to ~~lock~~ the first fastening means to the second fastening means assume a position in which the first fastening means is locked to the second fastening means, the locking means in the locked position being located within the portion of the first fastening means received within the portion of the second fastening means and adapted to press the received portion of the first fastening means outwardly against the receiving portion of the second fastening means.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first element is a panel for a vehicle and the second element is part of a tubular frame therefor, or wherein the second element is a panel for a vehicle and the first element is part of a tubular frame therefor.

Claim 3 (original): A jigging device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the adjustment means is adapted to adjust the panel closer to or further away from the frame.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein the adjustment means is adapted to adjust the panel so as to be closer to or further away from an adjacent panel.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 4~~, wherein the first and second fastening means, the adjustment means and/or the locking means are adapted to be manipulated manually.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 4~~, wherein the locking means ~~is adapted to~~ can be activated, so as to be locked or unlocked, remotely.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 6~~, wherein the adjustment means is associated more with one fastening means than the other.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 6~~, which includes two adjustment means, a first adjustment means associated with the first fastening means and a second adjustment means associated with the second fastening means.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 8~~, in which the fastening means is connected to the respective element by means chosen from the group consisting of: adhesive, a plate, a collar into which the fastening means is fitted, double-sided tape of suitable peel strength and moulding or forming the fastening means in or on the element.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 9~~, in which the adjusting means includes a series of serrations or a screw thread, in each case adapted to be received in a complementary shape.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 9~~, in which the adjustment means includes first and second parts, one being able to slide into the other to permit adjustment.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A jigging device as claimed in ~~any one of claim[s] 1 to 11~~, which includes intelligent means adapted to enable automated adjustment of the first element relative to the second element.

Claim 13 (original): A jigging device as claimed in claim 12, in which the intelligent means is capable of sensing an undesirable gap and of automatically activating the adjustment means to close the gap so that it falls within a preset tolerance.

Claims 14-24 (cancelled).

Claim 25 (new): A jigging device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the portions of the first and second fastening means are circular in cross section.

Claim 26 (new): A jigging device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the portion of the first fastening means has a ledge around its outer circumference and the portion of the second fastening means has a groove within its inner circumference adapted to receive the ledge.

Claim 27 (new): A jigging device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the portion of the first fastening means has a plurality of external serrations adapted for receipt in internal serrations on the portion of the second fastening means.

Claim 28 (new): A jigging device as claimed in claim 1, which further includes a stop to limit movement of the locking means.

Claim 29 (new): A method for maintaining a first element in spatial relationship to a second element, the method including the steps of:

1. connecting a first fastening means to the first element;
2. connecting a second fastening means to the second element;
3. adjusting the spatial relationship of the first element to the second element via adjustment means;
4. inserting a portion of the first fastening means in a portion of the second fastening means; and
5. causing a locking means to move to a position within the first fastening means where the locking means presses outwardly against the portion of the first fastening means inserted in the second fastening means, thus locking the first fastening means to the second fastening means.

Claim 30 (new): The jigging method claimed in claim 18, which includes a further step of connecting the first element to the second element.

Claim 31 (new): The jiggling method claimed in claim 19, wherein the first element is connected to the second element by adhesion or welding.

Claim 32 (new): The jiggling method of claim 18, wherein steps (i) to (iv) are carried out in any order.

Claim 33 (new): The jiggling method of claim 18, wherein the first element is a panel for a vehicle and the second element is part of a tubular frame therefor, or wherein the second element is panel for a vehicle and the first element is part of a tubular frame therefor.

Claim 34 (new): The jiggling method claimed in claim 18, wherein the step of locking the first fastening means to the second fastening means is carried out remotely.

Claim 35 (new): The jiggling method of claim 18, wherein the step of adjusting the spatial relationship of the first element to the second element via adjustment means is carried out automatically.